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SUBJECT: FRENCH ASK COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH MEASURES FOR  
INCREASED COMMUNITY PROTEIN PRODUCTION

REF: A) EC BRUSSELS 3768; B) EC A-350 OF 11/12/71.

1. SUMMARY. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL A, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT ON JULY  
3 SENT A "NOTE" TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE EC COMMISSION STRESSING  
THE URGENT NEED TO DEVELOPE PROTEIN PRODUCTS IN THE COMMUNITY.

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THE NOTE SUGGESTS VARIOUS MEASURES WHICH THE COMMUNITY MIGHT TAKE

IN THIS REGARD SO AS TO LESSEN ITS DEPENDENCE ON PROTEIN IMPORTS. THE NOTE RECALLS THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S EARLIER REQUEST FOR A CAP FOR SOYBEANS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S NOTE WAS SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE EC COMMISSION AND STRESSES THE URGENT NEED TO DEVELOP PROTEIN PRODUCTION IN THE COMMUNITY. THE FOUR-PAGE NOTE, THE FULL TEXT OF WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM, ALSO DRAWS THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION TO THE COMMUNITY'S DEFICIT IN PROTEINS AND ITS DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTS FROM ABROAD. IT STATES THAT THE GROWING IMBALANCE BETWEEN THE DEMAND AND THE SUPPLY FOR PROTEINS IS A MAJOR CAUSE FOR THE INCREASE IN MEAT PRICES. THE NOTE CONTAINS A DESCRIPTION OF STUDIES UNDERTAKEN IN FRANCE TO INCREASE DOMESTIC SOURCES OF PROTEIN. IT REFERS TO THREE POSSIBLE NEW SOURCES OF PROTEINS, NAMELY THE CULTIVATION OF FIELD BEANS ("FEVEROLE") AND FODDER PEAS, GREATER USE OF UREA, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF EC SOYBEAN PRODUCTION. IN INFORMAL TRANSLATION THE NOTE STATES THAT "A CONCERTED ACTION TO DEVELOPE CROPS RICH IN PROTEINS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE WAY DEEMED MOST EFFECTIVE. THIS ACTION COULD BE BASED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN CROPS SUCH AS FIELD BEANS AND FODDER PEAS FOR WHICH THERE APPEARS TO EXIST A CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL IN THE COMMUNITY." THE NOTE STATES SPECIFICALLY THAT THE BASIC SEED REGULATION (COUNCIL REGULATION NO. 2358/71) (REF B) SHOULD BE AMENDED IN ORDER TO INCLUDE THESE LEGUMES AND RECALLS THE FRENCH REQUEST FOR A CAP FOR SOYBEANS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FRENCH NOTE WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE COMMISSION THIS WEEK AND MAY BE ALSO DISCUSSED BY THE SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE AND BY THE PERM REPS. HOWEVER, SEVERAL PERM REP SOURCES TELL US IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT THE COMMISSION WILL TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS NOTE BEFORE THE AUGUST RECESS. GREENWALD

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